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LETTER DATED 1 JULY 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF ESTONIA, LATVIA AND LITHUANIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

We have the honour, on behalf of the Governments of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, to transmit to you the text of a statement by the Heads of State of the Baltic countries on the danger of Russian military force being used in other States' territories (see annex I) and an address to the Heads of State and Government of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States (see annex II). These documents were signed on the occasion of the meeting of the three Baltic leaders at Tallinn, Estonia, on 26 June 1992.

We should be grateful if you would arrange for the text of this letter and its annexes to be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex I

Statement by the Heads of State of the Baltic countries on the danger of Russian military force being used in other States' territories

The Heads of State of the Baltic countries express their profound alarm over statements made by the Russian Government and military leadership indicating the possible use by Russia of military force in the territories of other, sovereign States on the pretext of protecting the interests of Russia.

Such standpoints are in contradiction to the fundamental principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), and create an atmosphere of tensions and apparent conflicts.

This was also evident in decree No. 407 of 20 June 1992 of the Government of the Russian Federation. This document speaks about supposed attacks against the families of the Russian military, and contains threats about using military force in other States' territories. The document can only be regarded as propagandistic and an exercise in psychological preparation, which does not conform with the rules of international law or with relations among CSCE member States.

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Tallinn, 26 June 1992

Annex II

Council of the Baltic States address to the Heads of State and Government of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States

The Council of the Baltic States is forced to state that against the will of the peoples of those countries and despite demands issued by their Governments the armed forces of a foreign State - the Russian Federation - located on the territories of three independent States - the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania - are still not being withdrawn. This situation not only implies a continuing threat to the security of the Baltic States but is also a destabilizing factor for the whole of Europe. It reduces faith in justice and in the universally accepted principles of international law, above all in terms of the principles of peaceful coexistence of sovereign States. The Russian troops continue to harm the economy and the ecology of the Baltic countries.

The Council of the Baltic States emphasizes that there is no legal basis for the presence of the armed forces of the Russian Federation on the territories of the Baltic States.

Regrettably it must be stated that the course of the negotiations between the Baltic States and Russia on the withdrawal of the Russian armed forces bears witness to the fact that the Russian Federation is attempting to secure the continued presence of its armed forces in the Baltic States both de facto and de jure.

In this context the Council of the Baltic States appeals to the Heads of State and the Governments of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States with the request that they assist, in any way possible, in the speedy withdrawal of the armed forces of the Russian Federation from the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania. In particular, financial aid to Russia could be specifically earmarked for financing the withdrawal of Russian troops from the territories of the independent Baltic States.

The Council of the Baltic States appeals to the Heads of State and Governments of the above countries requesting that any financial aid to Russia be linked directly to the presentation by the Russian Federation of a plan and a timetable, accepted by the Baltic States, for the withdrawal of Russian troops from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, and to real progress towards the goal of the unconditional and complete withdrawal of these troops.

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